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USDOC FOR MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION (MEPD)

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TAGS: BENC, PO
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: FUNCHAL AIRPORT

A) LISBON 584 B) STATE 140297 C) STATE 155039 D) LISBON 4694

1. COMMATT MET WITH HOWARD, NEEDLES, TAMEN AND BERGENDOFF
INTERNATIONAL, INC. VICE PRESIDENT SPIGAI ON JUNE 22. COMMATT
TRANSMITTED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND SPIGAI WAS TO MEET
WITH INTERESTED GOP OFFICIALS.

2. FINANCING FOR STUDY APPARENTLY WILL COME FROM MINISTRY
OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.

3. FINANCING FOR ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION NOT YET DETERMINED.
FUNCHAL AIRPORT EXPANSION NOT INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL GOP 1977
BUDGET NOR IN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF PROJECTS PRESENTED BY
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AT BEGINNING OF BUDGET PROCESS.
(ALL MINISTRIES SUBMITTED LIST OF PROJECTS FROM WHICH PLANNING
MINISTRY SELECTED SOME FOR INCLUSION IN 1977 BUDGET.)
FOREIGN COSTS OF PROJECT FOR MACHINERY AND SERVICES LIKELY
WILL BE FINANCED BY OFFICIAL AGENCIES OF SUPPLIER COUNTRIES.
LOCAL COSTS COULD BE FINANCED BY IFI LOANS FOR TRANSPORT
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SECTOR BUT MORE LIKELY FROM GOP BUDGET RESOURCES.

4. FYI. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION (MEPD). DURING
RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ADVISOR TO THE NATIONAL AIRPORT
AND AIR NAVIGATION COMPANY (ANA-EP), SEE REF D, ADVISOR
POINTED OUT IMPORTANT PROBLEM WHICH WILL AFFECT EXPANSION
OF FUNCHAL AIRPORT. BECAUSE MADEIRA'S MAJOR SOURCE OF

INCOME IS TOURISM, AIRPORT CANNOT BE CLOSED DURING EXPANSION.
NO ALTERNATIVE AIRPORT EXISTS AND THUS CONTRACTOR MUST
DEVELOP MEANS TO KEEP AIRPORT OPEN DURING PROJECT.
THIS MAY SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE COST OF PROJECT.
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